FOOD DEPARTMENT RULES—OFFENCES UNDER

197. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the number of cases detected in the year 1119 and up to 30th Thulam 1120 for violation of Food Department Rules;

(*b*) what is the nature of the offences detected;

(*c*) how many of the detected cases were prosecuted;

(*d*) how many cases in (*c*) ended in conviction, what is the nature of the sentence in each case?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):*

(*a*) 601 cases were detected in 1119 and 169 cases till 30th Thulam 1120. Total 770.

(*b*) (1) 372 cases of export of food stuffs.

(2) 55 cases of export of other articles.

(3) 284 cases of offences like misuse of ration card, Hoarding and Profiteering, failure to submit returns, etc.

(4) 12 under export of cattle.

(5) 10 slaughter of cattle.

(6) 37 cutting down of fruit trees.

(*c*) 545 cases were prosecuted.

(*d*) 345 cases have been convicted till 13th December 1944/28th Vrischigam 1120. Of these 220 were fines ranging up to Rs. 100, 31 were fines of Rs. 100 and above, and the remaining 94 were sentences of imprisonment.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, what is the period of imprisonment awarded in these cases.

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* It is about two months.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* With regard to sub-division (*b*) (3) may I know, whether the Government is in a position to give us approximately the number of cases under the Hoarding and Profiteering Prevention Proclamation in these 284 cases?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* It comes to 60 cases.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* With regard to the 545 cases that were prosecuted how many of them fell under the Hoarding and Profiteering Proclamation.

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* I have said that the total number comes to about 60.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* How many of them ended in conviction?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* None of these cases has ended in conviction because the procedure requires the previous sanction of Government before charges are filed in court.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know, how many cases under this head came from Mattancheri?

BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION

198. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any cases of bribery or corruption have been detected by the C.I.D. Department in Cochin State from 1st Chingam 1119 to 20th Thulam 1120;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, will they please state the number of such cases with the names of persons concerned in the same?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know what is the strength of the C. I. D. Department?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* We have not got a C.I.D. as such in the State.

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Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know the number of persons working under the C.I.D?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* That is only a Special Branch staff. We have adopted only a part of the C.I.D. We have not got the whole organisation.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Is the C.I.D. under the Commissioner of Police?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* That is a part and parcel of the Police Department.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether in the Madras Province the C.I.D. is under the Police Department or any other Department?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahih Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* It is, of course, under the Police Department.

FUEL DEPOT CONTRACTORS USING LOGS OF TEAK etc., FOR MANUFACTURE OF FURNITURE

199. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are aware that fuel depot contractors are actually keeping back from sale as fuel logs cut into fuel sizes in logs of teak, rosewood and such kinds of timber and selling or utilising same for the manufacture of furniture and other like things requiring only scantlings of small dimensions ;

(*b*) do the Government know that the sale price of such is much higher and on a par with timber;

(*c*) is this practice conceded to or allowed by this Government?

Mr. S. Venkateswaran *(Conservator of Forests) :*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) no reply is necessary in view of the above answer.

(*c*) No.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Has any depot been inspected by the Hon'ble Member?

Mr. S. Venkateswaran *(Conservator of Forestes) :* Yes.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know when it was last done?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* Last week.

QUANTITY OF FIREWOOD SUPPLIED BY GOVERNMENT

200. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi) :* Will Government be pleased to state the total quantity of firewood supplied by Government to agencies outside Cochin in 1119 and the amount realised;

the quantity sold in the State and the amount realised?

Mr. S. Venkateswaran *(Conservator of Forests) :*

British Cochin :

1. C. K. Cheria Abdulla 460·5 tons Rs. 6,780—7—0.
2. Ali Koya : 420·2 „ Rs. 6,178—5—0.

Total: 880·7 tons for Rs. 12,958—12—0.

57,691·75 tons and 5,460 cart-loads to the value of Rs. 2,00,628—14—0.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi) :* Are these the only persons to whom firewood was supplied by the State?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* These are the only items of Departmental Supply.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi) :* Was not firewood supplied to the Madras Province?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* It was not done by the Department.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi) :* Then by whom, please?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* I have no information. Supplies outside the State by the Department were undertaken only in these two cases.

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